

**Comprehensive Cancer Control
Disparities Committee
October 4, 2005**

Present:

Veronica Perez (co-chair), Maria Tirado (co-chair), Norm Petersen, Pattie Santiago, Ross Merritt, Elena Martinez, Jeannette Dalrymple, Lorraine Aguilar, Kenton Laffoon, Tim Flood, Agnes Attakia, Guy Baumler, Cynthia Claus, Lauren Tancona, Sharon Gray, Christine Latis, Taira Kochar, Paran Pordell.

Arizona Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan Overview

- Veronica Perez presented an overview of the Arizona CCC plan and the disparities chapter of the plan.
- A question was raised about the counties involved in the down drifter's lawsuit.

Guidelines for Committee

- Maria Tirado reviewed the tasks of the disparities committee. Tasks to be completed include an identification of assets and barriers, review of the disparities chapter goal and objectives, identification of strategies for each objective, recommendation of at least three priority strategies, and identifying key activities for each priority strategy.

Best Practices from Other States

- Veronica Perez provided an overview of the Colorado disparities plan. Colorado's newly published plan has a separate disparities chapter.
- Maryland completed the first in depth report on disparities. Veronica will try to get a copy of this plan for the next committee meeting.

Questions and Discussion

The following questions and issues were raised during the discussion period:

- Committee members need to ask what was left out during the writing of the disparities chapter. How to and where to go needs to be re-examined. All committee members were asked to identify other community organizations and individuals who need to be invited to participate.
- Maria Tirado will work on an informational one page document that could be attached to an email when inviting others.
- Reiterated the benefit of having the other committees represented in the disparities committee.
- Disparities committee takes a more in-depth look at the issues that are in the plan.
- Committee will revise the plan and will work towards a deeper, richer, involvement of stakeholders.
- Need to ask ourselves who is missing at the table and how we can engage them in the work of the committee.

- Cynthia Claus suggested that we include a disparities discussion during the unveiling of the CCC plan in Flagstaff and Tucson.
- Having regional discussions would not only increase input but would also be an opportunity to personally invite other communities to participate in the January disparities committee meeting to be held in Phoenix.
- Regional meetings during the unveiling of the CCC plan will provide information about the tasks of the new committee workgroup as well as elicit their input regarding assets, barriers, and strategies.
- Key community leaders need to be invited to the regional, town hall community forums.
- Capitalize on diversity, unique cultural communities and the assets and advantages present in those communities.
- A suggestion was expressed that if possible we use local and minority media to announce the disparities committee of the CCC Coalition.
- An observation was made that the focus of the disparities goal and objectives is internal, not external. Committee needs to review the work of the other CCC committees.
- A suggestion was made that we also look at standards of practice issues when reviewing objectives and strategies.
- Many suggestions were made regarding individuals and groups that could be invited to participate in the disparities committee. Maria Tirado will create a list of the groups suggested and distribute to all committee members.
- Maria Tirado will develop a one page worksheet to elicit input from interested individuals who are unable to attend the committee meetings.
- The regional disparities committee meetings will be held on November 17th in Flagstaff and December 5th in Tucson.
- Two conference call meetings will be scheduled, the first one will be held before November 17th and the second conference call after December 5th.
- The disparities committee will meet January 19th for a full day meeting. At that time the committee will work on completing the following tasks:
Identify major assets
Identify existing barriers
Review and revise the overall goal of the disparities section
Identify objectives
Identify strategies
- After the January meeting the group will meet again on February 16th. At that time priority strategies and key activities will be identified for recommendation to the CCC Coalition.